

**CER JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2013**

Members Present: Eric Banks, Andy Boersma, Patty Johnson, Tim Johnson, Ross Magnuson, Mike Miller, Audrey Nelson, Bonnie Pehrson, Rachel Smith, Charlene Stevens, Liz VanDerBill

Staff Present: Steve Brisendine, Rob Baumgarn, Brad Bonk, Kevin Madsen, Tammy Rudningen, Becky Sorenson, Jena Tollefson

Guests Present: Tony LaPatka, Roger Worner

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eric Banks. After introductions, Roger Worner presented his report on Community Education and Recreation based upon his research and interviews with City and School staff, Joint Powers Board Members and CER staff. He stated that CER is well run in general. Mr. Worner examined CER programs from a standpoint of enhancing programs. He also stated he and Rob had gone on a tour of various facilities – Robbins Island, Civic Center Arena, ball fields and parks. Mr. Worner was impressed with everything he saw.

Looking over the Joint Powers Agreement, he stated there are some concerns regarding the language and that some points need clarifying. The main point is the role or non-role of the Joint Powers Board members. Are they an advisory board or a working board that has direct input in CER programs, etc? Mr. Worner feels specific roles and functions should be assigned to Board Members.

The major components are:

- Organization

- Participation – over the past five years, has been consistent

- Finances – good, overall

- Program & Services – continue offering the same programs or come up with new ideas?

- Facilities – the number of parks is great, need more gym space and support spaces, and possibly a field house

Overall, Community Education and Recreation is well managed and the collaboration works well.

Mr. Worner stated that one complaint that he received, from many sources, is that part-time staff is not working (ie texting, visiting, etc.) He suggests that some process is put in place to eliminate this perception.

Another issue in the Joint Powers Agreement is that the process of billing the City by the School be simplified. Staff with both entities spends a lot of time compiling monthly reports so maybe quarterly or annually would be a better process moving forward.

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Mr. Worner finished his presentation, asking if there were any questions. Bonnie Pehrson thanked him for the scope and completeness of his report. Steve Brisendine thanked Mr. Worner for his hard work and his presentation.

Chairman Banks called upon Tony LaPatka to present his request for a temporary liquor license for the upcoming Curling Bonspiel Tournament January 3, 4 and 5 at the Blue Line Center at the Arena. He stated that Dave Baker from The Oaks at Eagle Creek will be furnishing the liquor and staff to sell, as he has in the past. Eric asked if there were any questions. Since there were no questions, Mike Miller made a motion recommending that a temporary liquor license be granted for the Bonspiel Tournament. Bonnie Pehrson seconded. Motion was carried with one no vote.

Steve Brisendine spoke about the Park Planning Open House that we hosted at the Library on Tuesday night. He stated that approximately 30 people attended. There were different stations regarding the various park plan ideas. Don Winckler was present to talk about the regional park concept and making Robbins Island and Swansson (softball, baseball, soccer, and Aquatic Center) regional parks. Info received from the open house will be used to formulate the park plan.

Ross Magnuson asked how this Park Planning works with Vision 2040. Charlene Stevens responded that both groups are coming together with ideas.

Steve stated that Bob Mathiason had received permission from the Planning & Development Committee to present his request to the City Council to fundraise for an amphitheatre at Robbins Island.

A suggestion was made by Ross Magnuson that we request space at the various schools during conferences. This would be a good way to reach families regarding the park plan.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the City Auditorium Range. Steve stated that Kevin Halliday is enlisting help in order to get a better understanding of what needs to be done. The HVAC system needs to be replaced. Charlene said we are waiting to do the needed cleaning of the building until we find out if the decommissioning of the old HVAC system will create more cleaning needs.

Right now, the gym is still open for public use. The basement Range and Indoor Playground are closed. Steve stated that we have opened the Jefferson Gym on Fridays from 11 am to 3 pm for parents to bring their children.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be January 24.

